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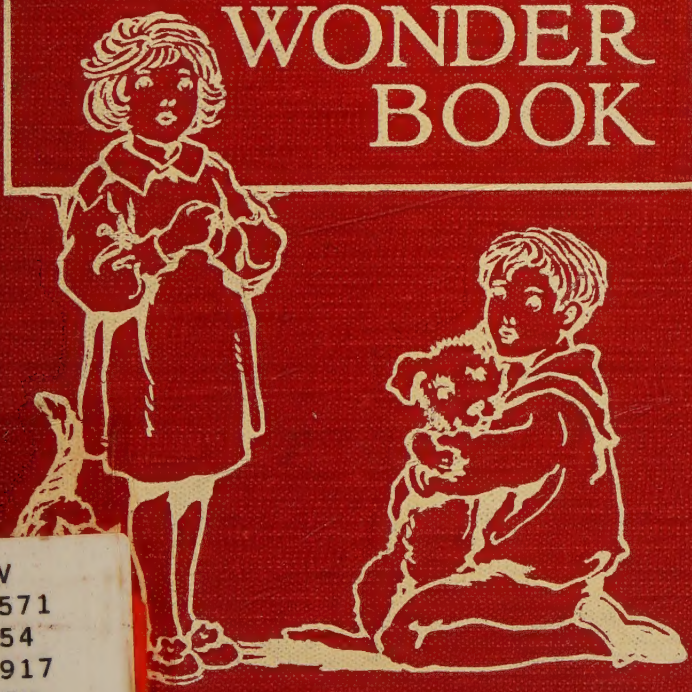

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A WORD TO THE TEACHER

The purpose of this little book is to cultivate the sense of reverence in the mind and heart of childhood. The teacher will do well to secure, so far as possible, original answers to the questions from the individual members of her class. From time to time stories illustrating the points brought out might be told both by the teacher and the children. By means of the questions and answers in these chapters, an intimate and free interchange of thought and feeling between the teacher and pupil should be exercised.

The child is by nature a lover of simple and beautiful objects, and this little book has been published in order that the child may associate something which he or she personally possesses with religious training and suggestion. The book itself should be an object of loving care on the part of each child.

L. G. W.

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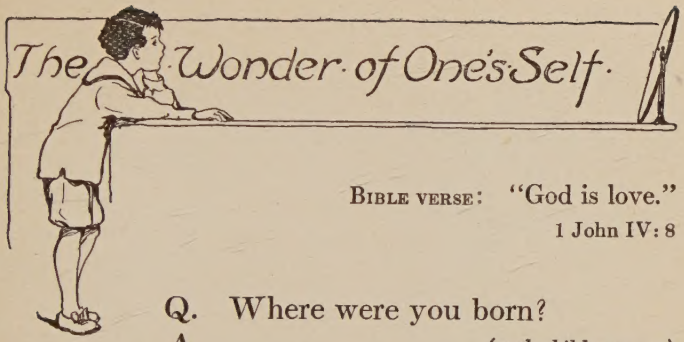
Great, wide, beautiful,
wonderful world,
With the wonderful water
round you curled,
And the wonderful grass
upon your breast —
World, you are beautifully drest.

Ah! you are so great,
and I am so small,
I tremble to think of you,
World, at all;
And yet when I said
my prayers today,
A whisper inside me seemed to say,
"You are more than the Earth,
though you are such a dot:
You can love and think,
and the Earth cannot."

WILLIAM BRIGHTY RANDS.



BIBLE VERSE: "God is love."
1 John IV: 8

Q. Where were you born?
A. *(each child answers)*

Q. When is your birthday?
A.

Q. What is your name?
A.

Q. What can little girls do?
A.

Q. What can little boys do?
A.

Q. What do you like best to do?
A.

Q. What do you like best to have?
A.

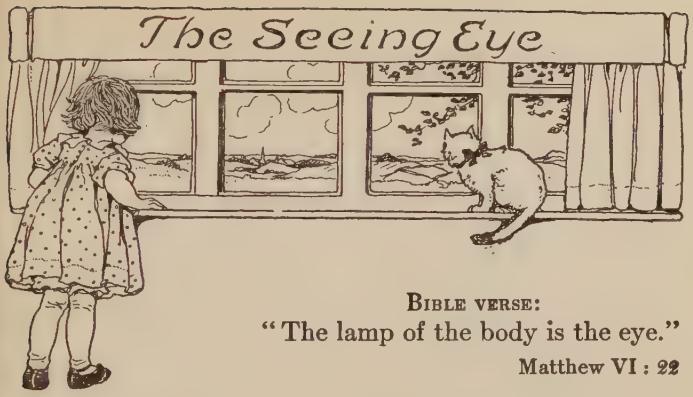
Q. What do you like best to see?
A.

Q. Where do you like best to go?
A.

Q. What do you want to become when you grow up?

A.

Q. Is it not wonderful to be alive?



BIBLE VERSE:
"The lamp of the body is the eye."
Matthew VI : 22

Q. With what do you see the world about you?
A. With my eyes.
Q. What is the color of your eyes?
A. *(each child answers)*
Q. What are your eyes like?
A. Windows in a house.
Q. Who looks through those windows?
A. I look out through those windows.
Q. Can any one look through those windows from the outside?
A. No.
Q. What kind of things should you try to see as you look through those eye-windows?
A. Good things.

Q. Should you try not to see what is bad?

A. Yes.

Q. What is the loveliest thing you can see?

A. (*each child answers*)

One mouth and *two* eyes as bright as day;
Ponder the reason:
Learn much to hear, but little say;
Be wise in season.

RÜCKHERT.

The Hearing Ear

BIBLE VERSE:
"The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them."
Prov. XX : 12

Q. With what do you hear the world about you?
A. With my ears.
Q. Is it not wonderful that you can hear sounds?
A.
Q. If you had no eyes could you still know much about the world?
A. Yes, we could hear so many sounds.
Q. What are some of the good sounds that you can hear?
A. *(each child answers)*
Q. Who hears through your ears?
A. I (John, Mary, etc.) hear through my ears.
Q. To what kinds of sounds should you listen?
A. Good sounds.
Q. What are some of the sweetest sounds you can hear?
A. *(each child answers)*

(*Little Boy*)

"Oh, tell me, pretty songster,
Who gave you that sweet voice,
To gladden every passer by
And make our hearts rejoice?"

(*Little Bird*)

"'Twas He who made the heavens
Spread out so far and high,
'Twas He who made the sunbeams
On which you see me fly."

The Useful Hands

BIBLE VERSE: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."
Ecclesiastes IX : 10

Q. How many hands have you?
A.
Q. How many fingers have you?
A.
Q. How do you know you have two hands?
A. I can see them through my eyes.
Q. But if you close your eyes how would you know you have two hands?
A. I could feel them.
Q. Are your hands willing to do whatever you wish?
A. They are.

Q. Are they able to do everything you would like them to do?

A.

Q. What are some of the things they can do?

A. (*each child answers*)

Q. Can you teach your hands to do wonderful things?

A. I can.

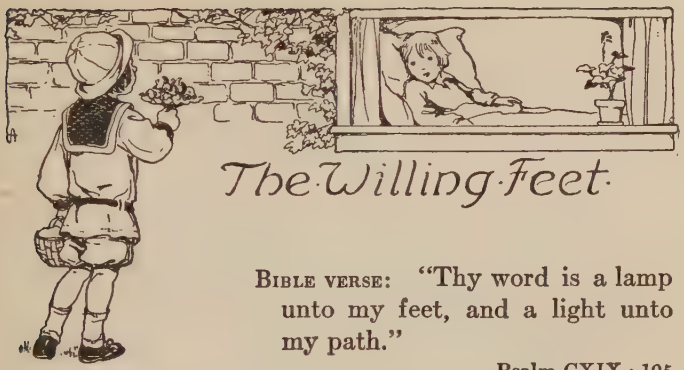
Q. What kind of things should you not allow them to do?

A. Bad things — striking, scratching, stealing, etc.

Q. How can you make them very useful?

A. By caring for them and teaching them patiently.

"Daring little fingers
Never, never still,
Make them, Heavenly Father,
Always do Thy will."



The Willing Feet

BIBLE VERSE: "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."

Psalm CXIX : 105

Q. How many feet have you?

A.

Q. What are feet for?

A.

Q. When you want to walk or run are your feet willing to carry you?

A. They are.

Q. What are they like?

A. Two servants.

Q. If your shoes pinch them what do they do?

A. They seem to tell me I am hurting them.

Q. Where should you have your feet carry you?

A. Wherever I can be happy or make others happy.

Q. Where have your feet carried you to make you happy?

A. *(each child answers)*

Q. Where have your feet carried you to make some other person happy?

A. *(each child answers)*

Q. Is it not wonderful to have two willing feet to carry you from place to place?

By cool Siloam's shady rill
How sweet the lily grows,
How sweet the breath beneath the hill
Of Sharon's dewy rose.

Lo! such the child whose early feet
The paths of peace have trod;
Whose secret heart, with influence sweet,
Is upward drawn to God.

REGINALD HEBER.

The Tasting and Talking Tongue

BIBLE VERSE: "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile."

Psalm XXXIV : 13

Q. Where is your tongue?
A.
Q. Is it hard or soft?
A.
Q. Is it rough or smooth?
A.
Q. What does it do for you?
A. It tastes my food.
Q. What else does it do for you?
A. It makes my words when I talk.
Q. When you eat your food what does the tongue seem to say about it?
A. That the food tastes good or bad.
Q. Do you like to eat?
A.
Q. But if you had no tongue to taste the food would eating be pleasant?
A. No.
Q. Do you like to talk?
A.

Q. Is your tongue always ready to make your words?

A.

Q. Does your tongue always make the best words?

A. No.

Q. Why?

A. Because I do not always think the best thoughts.

Q. Then, does your tongue just make the words for your thoughts?

A. Yes.

Q. What kind of thoughts should you try to think?

A. Good thoughts.

Q. Why?

A. So that my tongue can make the best words.

Q. When your tongue says good words how does it make you feel?

A. Happy.

Q. When your tongue says bad words how does it make you feel?

A. Unhappy.

Q. Is it not wonderful to have a tongue that can make one happy or unhappy?

A child should always say what's true,
And speak when he is spoken to,
And behave mannerly at table;
At least as far as he is able.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON.

The Faithful Teeth

BIBLE VERSE: "O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall show forth thy praise."

Psalms LI : 15

Q. What is there in your mouth besides your tongue?

A. My teeth.
Q. Are they hard or soft?
A. Very hard.
Q. Why are they so hard?
A. So that they can chew my food.
Q. Why should you chew your food?
A. To keep me from being sick.
Q. Are white teeth beautiful?
A. They are.
Q. Should they be kept white and clean?
A. They should.
Q. Why?
A. Because bad teeth are not beautiful.
Q. Is that the only reason?
A. Also because they must be good and strong to chew the food.

Q. Is it not wonderful that these beautiful teeth should grow just where they can do so much good?

A.

Q. What can we do for them when they do so much for us?

A. We can care for them every day.

You little Tiddle, Toodle Tum,
O, what is this I see?
Two rows of little kiddledoos
As white as white can be;
They seem to come out when you laugh
And go in when you pout,
And all the time they seem to say —
"We know what you're about."

You better keep your kiddledoos
As white as white can be,
For there they are, a merry lot,
As any one may see;
They help you every time you speak
And each one is a winner,
For here they go, and there they go,
To help you eat your dinner.

The Beating Heart

BIBLE VERSE: "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."

Proverbs XV : 13

Q. Does everyone have a heart?

A. Yes.

Q. Where is it?

A. (*the teacher assists each child*)

Q. What does the heart do?

A. It beats.

Q. When it beats what does it do?

A. It sends the blood to all parts of the body.

Q. Does it beat all the time, when you sleep as well as when you are awake?

A. It beats as long as I live in the world. It keeps me alive.

Q. If it keeps you alive should you be good to it?

A. Yes.

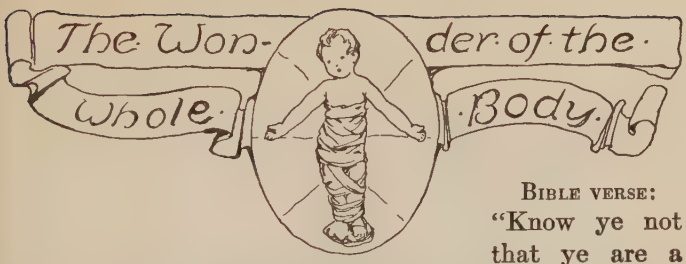
Q. How can you be good to your heart?

A. By eating good food, thinking good thoughts, saying good words, and doing what is right.

Q. Is not your heart a wonderful helper?
A. It is wonderful.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part—
Yet what I can I give Him,
Give my heart.

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI.



BIBLE VERSE:
"Know ye not that ye are a temple of God and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you."
1 Corinthians III:16

Q. Could you live in this world without a body?
A. No.
Q. What, then, is the body like?
A. It is like a little house or temple in which I live.
Q. How long can you live in it?
A. As long as it is kept clean and strong and well.
Q. Who will help you to keep it strong and beautiful?
A. Those who love us.
Q. Who are they?

(each child answers)

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

CECIL FRANCES ALEXANDER.

Of Father and Mother

BIBLE VERSE: "Honor thy father and thy mother."

Exodus XX : 12

Q. As a little child could you live all alone?

A.

Q. Why?

A. Because I am not strong and wise enough.

Q. What do your parents (or guardians) do for you?

A. More things than I can tell.

Q. Will you name some of the things they do for you?

A. (*each child answers, and the teacher mentions many other things*)

Q. Why should they do all these things for you?

A. Because they love me.

Q. Do you love them?

A. Yes.

Q. What are some of the things you would do for those you love?

A. (*each child answers*)

Q. Is it not wonderful to care for others and to be cared for by others?

Ere on my bed my limbs I lay,
God grant me grace my prayers to say!
O God, preserve my mother dear
In health and strength for many a year.
And, O, preserve my father, too,
And may I pay him reverence due:—
And may I my best thoughts employ
To be my parents' hope and joy.

S. T. Coleridge.

# of Brothers and Sisters

BIBLE VERSE: "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the children of God."

1 John III : 1

Q. Have you any brothers or sisters?

A. *(each child answers)*

Q. Are they older or younger than you?

A.

Q. What is the most wonderful thing about any of them?

A.

Q. Are they good to you?

A.

Q. Are you good to them?

A.

Q. Do you remember them on their birthdays?

A.

Q. Do they remember you on your birthday?

A.

Q. On what other days do you think of them?

A.

Q. What kind of men and women do you want them to become?

A. Good and true men and women.

Q. What do you think they would like you to become?

A. Good and wise and happy.

Q. Is it not wonderful that brothers and sisters should love each other?

The little girl did as her Bible taught,
And pleasant indeed was the change it wrought;
For the boy looked up in glad surprise,
To meet the light of her loving eyes:
His heart was full, he could not speak,
But he pressed a kiss on his sister's cheek:
And God looked down on that happy mother,
Whose little children loved each other.

"Aunt Mary."

BIBLE VERSE: "A friend loveth at all times."
Proverbs XVII : 17

Q. Have you any friends or playmates?
A. *(each child answers)*
Q. Have you ever been to see any of them?
A.
Q. Have any of them been to see you?
A.
Q. What games have you played with them?
A.
Q. Have they always been good to you?
A.
Q. Have you always been good to them?
A.
Q. Who is your best friend?
A.
Q. What nice thing can you say about your best friend?
A.

Q. Should you always say good things about your friends and playmates?

A

Q. Do you wish them to say good things about you?

A.

Q. Then how should you treat them?

A.

Q. If you quarrel with them what should you do as quickly as you can?

A. Be like good friends again.

Q. What is it to be selfish?

A. To take more from others than I should want them to take from me.

Q. How can you always be happy with your friends?

A. By trying to make them happy.

Q. If you try to please them, will they try to please you?

A. Yes.

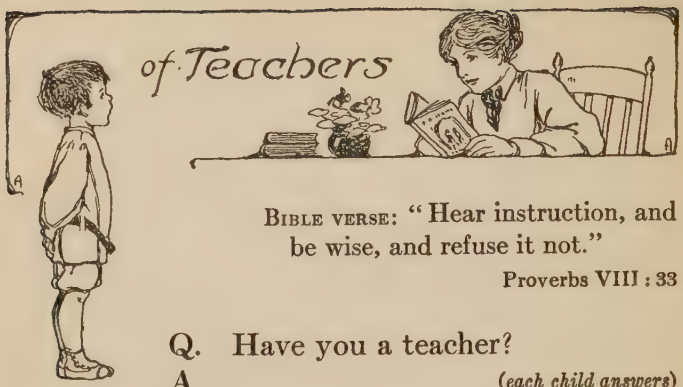
Q. If you could have no friends how would you feel?

A. Lonesome.

Q. Is it not wonderful that so many can have true friends?

Bless my friends, the whole world bless,
Help me to learn helpfulness:
Keep me ever in Thy sight;
So to all I say good-night.

HENRY JOHNSTONE.



BIBLE VERSE: "Hear instruction, and be wise, and refuse it not."

Proverbs VIII : 33

Q. Have you a teacher?

A. *(each child answers)*

Q. Why do you have teachers?

A. To teach me many things that I do not know.

Q. Why should you be taught?

A. So that I may live more wisely.

Q. Can you give any reason why you should be taught many things?

A. So that I may help others to live more wisely.

Q. Do your teachers wish well of you?

A. They do.

Q. Are they good and kind?

A.

Q. What is the very best thing you can do for your teacher?

A. I should think of my teacher as my friend.

Q. How can you please your teacher?

A. By learning my lesson well.

Q. In what other way can you please your teacher?

A. By always being present in my class.

He taught his scholars the rule of three,
Writing and reading and history, too;
He took the little ones on his knee;
For a kind old heart in his breast had he,
And the wants of the littlest child he knew.

GEORGE ARNOLD.

BIBLE VERSE: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the Kingdom of God."
Luke XVIII : 16

Q. Have you ever seen a very little baby?
A.
Q. Could it walk?
A.
Q. Could it talk?
A.
Q. Could it feed itself?
A.
Q. Could it dress itself?
A.
Q. Could it put itself to bed?
A.
Q. Did it sleep a great deal?
A.
Q. What would become of it if no one took care of it?
A. It would be hungry and cold, and it would die.

Q. Why are little helpless babies so well cared for?

A. Because some one loves them very much.

Q. Can any one bear to see a little baby suffer?

A. No.

Q. As they grow older does some one care for them?

A. Yes.

Q. Will a good mother or father ever forsake a little baby?

A. No. They will care for it when they are well, and when they are sick, and love it always.

Q. Can a very tiny baby help anybody?

A. No. It cannot even help itself.

Q. Is it not wonderful that wee babies have parents and others who will do everything for them?

A. It is more wonderful than we know.

"Hush! my dear, lie still and slumber;
Holy angels guard thy bed!
Heavenly blessings without number
Gently falling on thy head.

Sleep, my babe, thy food and raiment,
House and home, thy friends provide;
All without thy care or payment
All thy wants are well supplied."

of Very Old People

BIBLE VERSE: "The hoary head is a crown of glory. Proverbs XVI : 31

Q. Have you any grandfather or grandmother?

A. (*each child answers*)

Q. Do you know any very, very old man or woman?

A.

Q. Can they see very well?

A.

Q. Can they hear very well?

A.

Q. Can they walk or run very well?

A.

Q. Why can they not see and hear and walk better?

A. Because they have lived so many years.

Q. Were they little tiny babies once?

A. Yes, long, long ago.

Q. Were they strong and well once?

A. Yes.

Q. Should everyone be kind to them now they are so old?

A. Yes.

Q. Can little children make old people happy?

A. Yes.

Q. In what way?

A. By being kind and thoughtful.

Q. Do most old people love little children?

A. Yes. Very, very much.

Q. Does it make them happy to have the children think of them, and speak to them?

A. Yes, indeed.

Q. Can very, very old people stay with us many years?

A. No, and we should be good to them while we have them.

"May climbed on the silken knee,
And Grandma told her history;
What plays she played, what toys she had,
How at times she was naughty, or good or sad.
'But the best thing you did,' said May,
'don't you see?
Was to grow a beautiful Grandma for me.'"

The Sun

BIBLE VERSE: "Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun."

Ecclesiastes XI : 7

Q. What makes the morning come?
A. The sun.
Q. What makes the day?
A. The light of the sun.
Q. Can you look at the sun when there are no clouds?
A. No, it is too bright.
Q. Could anything live without the sun?
A. No.
Q. Do trees and flowers need the sun?
A. They would droop and die without its light and heat.
Q. What makes the summer come?
A. The heat of the sun.
Q. Can you see the sun at night?
A. No.
Q. When night comes what do you do?
A. I go to sleep.

Q. Does it seem long before the morning comes again?

A. No.

Q. What are some of the beautiful things you cannot see and have without the light of the sun?

A. *(each child answers)*

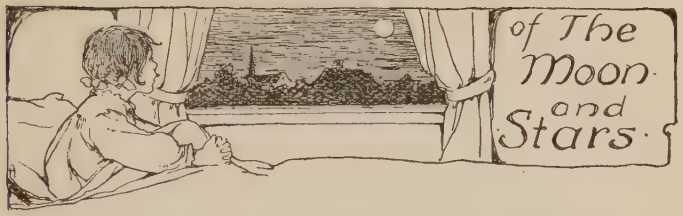
Q. Does the sun seem wonderful to you?

A.

Q. Can you always be sure it will come after every night?

A. It never fails to come back again.

"Now the dreary night is done
Comes again the glorious sun,
Crimson clouds, and silver white,
Wait upon his breaking light."



BIBLE VERSE: "Praise ye him, sun and moon; Praise him all ye stars of light."

Psalms CXLVIII : 3

Q. Have you seen the moon?
A.
Q. Is it too bright to look at, as the sun is?
A. No, its light is soft and beautiful.
Q. Is it always the same shape?
A.
Q. Can you tell its different shapes?
A.
Q. When do we need its light most?
A. When the sun is gone and it is night.
Q. Did you ever see the moon when the clouds were around about it?
A. Yes, and it seems to come and go among them.
Q. Does its light make the clouds very beautiful?

A. The moonlight makes them look as if they were lined with bright silver.

Q. Sometimes does it look as if there were a face in the moon?

A. Yes.

Q. What do people call it?

A. The man in the moon.

Q. Does it not seem as though the moon shone down to make this a lovely world?

A. Yes, and though it is far, far in the sky its light comes all the way to do us good.

Q. What besides the moon do you see in the sky at night?

A. The stars.

Q. Are there many of them?

A. More than can be counted.

Q. Are they all the same size?

A. No, some are larger than others.

Q. Do some of the stars seem to move?

A. Some of them twinkle.

Q. Do we know much about the stars?

A. No, they are far, far away.

Q. Who is it that knows all about the sun and moon and stars?

A. God knows about them, for without Him they could not be.

Q. Can you say some verses about a star?

"Twinkle, twinkle little star,
How I wonder what you are;
Up above the world so high,
Like a diamond in the sky.

"When the blazing sun is gone,
When he nothing shines upon,
Then you show your little light,
Twinkle, twinkle, all the night.

"Then the traveller in the dark
Thanks you for your tiny spark;
He could not tell which way to go
If you did not twinkle so.

"In the dark blue sky you keep,
And often through my curtains peep;
For you never shut your eye
'Till the sun is in the sky.

"As your bright and tiny spark
Lights the traveller in the dark,
Though I know not what you are,
Twinkle, twinkle little star."

# of Flowers.

BIBLE VERSE: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin; yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."
Matthew VI : 28-29

Q. What is your favorite flower?
A. *(each child answers)*
Q. What flowers have you in your home?
A.
Q. If you could never see a flower, would you be glad or sorry?
A.
Q. Do you like to have flowers given to you?
A.
Q. Do you like to give flowers to others?
A.
Q. To whom have you ever given flowers?
A. *(each child answers)*
Q. Why do you give flowers to people?
A. Because it makes them happy.

Q. Why does it make them happy?
A. People love beautiful things.
Q. Can you give any other reason?
A. People like to be remembered by those who care for them.
Q. When is it nice to give flowers?
A. When those we love are sick, or when they have a birthday, or when they come home after being away, or at any time when we want especially to make them happy.
Q. How does it happen that we have so many beautiful flowers?
A. God, with his sunshine and rain, causes them to grow.
Q. Can we help in making beautiful flowers?
A. Yes, we can plant the seed and care for them.

THE VOICE OF SPRING

I am coming, I am coming!
Hark! the little bee is humming;
See! the lark is soaring high
In the bright and sunny sky;
And the gnats are on the wing;
Little maiden, now is Spring!

Little maiden, look around thee!
Green and flowery fields surround thee;
Every little stream is bright,
All the orchard trees are white,
And each small and waving shoot
Has for thee sweet flower or fruit.

Turn thy eyes to earth and heaven!
God for thee the Spring hath given;
Taught the birds their melodies,
Clothed the earth and cleared the skies,
For thy pleasure, or thy food;
Pour thy soul in gratitude!
So may'st thou 'mid blessings dwell:
Little maiden, fare thee well!

MARY HOWITT.

BIBLE VERSE: "Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy."
Matthew V : 7

Q. Have you any pets?

A. (*each child answers*)

Q. What are the names of your pets?

A.

Q. Does your pet know when you speak to it?

A.

Q. What makes you think your pet loves you?

A.

Q. Do pet dogs seem to love people?

A.

Q. What makes you think pet dogs care for people?

A.

Q. Which do you love best, dogs or cats?

A.

Q. What have you to say about pet cats?

A.

Q. Can you bear to see a pet dog or cat suffer?

A.

Q. What can you do to make them happy?

A.

Q. What do they do to make you happy?

A.

Q. Do they seem to you like friends?

A.

Q. Would you be lonesome if you could never have any pets?

A.

Q. What other pets are there?

A. Ponies, birds, squirrels, rabbits, doves, etc.

Q. Why is it we have pets at all?

A. Because we want things to care for, and we want them to care for us.

Q. Does God want us to love Him?

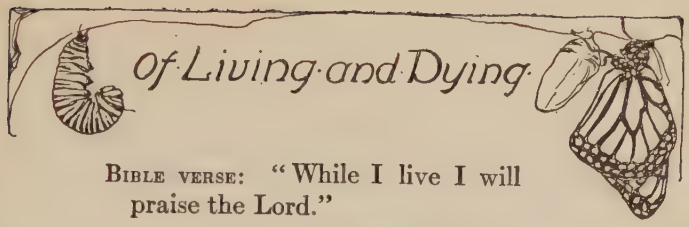
A. Yes.

Q. And do you think God loves us and our pets?

A. Yes.

KINDNESS TO ANIMALS

"Little children, never give
Pain to things that feel and live;
Let the gentle robin come
For the crumbs you save at home;
As his meat you throw along
He'll repay you with a song;
Never hurt the timid hare,
Peeping from her green grass-lair.
Let her come and sport and play
On the lawn at close of day;
The little lark goes soaring high
To the bright windows of the sky,
Singing as 'twere always spring
And fluttering on an untried wing:—
O, let him sing his happy song,
Nor do these gentle creatures wrong."



BIBLE VERSE: "While I live I will praise the Lord."

Psalm CXLVI : 2

Q. Before you came into this world where were you?

A. No one knows, except God.

Q. Will you always live here?

A. No, sometime we shall all go into another life.

Q. Where will that be?

A. No one knows, except God.

Q. Will he care for you and love you after you have lived here?

A. Yes, he will love us and care for us always and everywhere.

Q. Even when we do wrong will he love us?

A. Yes, but he will be very sorry when we do wrong.

Q. If we do always what is right how shall we feel?

A. As if God were pleased.

Q. How do you feel when you do wrong?

A. Very unhappy.

Q. When we have done wrong what ought we to do?

A. Tell mother or father or some one whom we love.

Q. Is that all?

A. We should also ask how we may set things right.

Q. Will God be pleased when we have set things right?

A. Yes, he will give us much happiness.

Q. Do we seem beautiful and lovely to ourselves after we have done wrong?

A. When we have done wrong we are unlovely to ourselves.

Q. How many years old are you?

A. *(each child answers)*

Q. How long would you like to live in this world?

A.

Q. After you have lived here, how would you like to have people speak of you?

A. I would like to have them say "That was a beautiful soul."

Q. And after you have lived here, where would you like to go?

A Where I can be useful and happy.

Q. Will God be sure to take you to such a place?

A. He loves me and will do that which is best for me.

Q. Will he do the same by those you love?

A. Yes, he will.

Q. Then ought not everyone to make this a wonderful and beautiful world?

"Come look in my eyes, little children,
And tell me through all the long day,
Have you thought of the Father above us,
Who guarded from evil our way?
He heareth the cry of the sparrow,
And careth for great and for small;
In life and in death, little children,
His love is the truest of all."

(a) HIS BOYHOOD

BIBLE VERSE: "The child grew and waxed strong, filled with wisdom."
Luke II : 40

Q. Who has taught us the best way to live?
A. Jesus.
Q. Where did Jesus live?
A. In Palestine.
Q. When did he live?
A. Long, long ago.
Q. Who were his father and mother?
A. Joseph and Mary.
Q. Did he have brothers and sisters?
A. There were James and Joseph and Simon and Judas and several sisters.
Q. What did Joseph, the father of Jesus, do?
A. He was a carpenter.
Q. Do we know much about Jesus when he was a little boy?
A. We do not.
Q. When did Jesus begin to preach?
A. When he was thirty years of age.

Q. How many years did he preach?
A. About three years.
Q. Why was he wonderful?
A. Because his life and teachings have made all the world better.
Q. What did he say about God?
A. That God was his heavenly father and our heavenly father also.

Oh the beautiful old story
Of the little child that lay
In a manger on that morning
When the stars sang in the day;
When the happy shepherds kneeling,
As before a holy shrine,
Blessed God and the tender mother
For a life that was divine.

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(b) HIS MANHOOD

BIBLE VERSE: "A great prophet is arisen among us."

Luke VII : 16

Q. How many men went about with Jesus?
A. Twelve.
Q. By what name were they known?
A. They were called his disciples.
Q. What is one of the things that Jesus taught his disciples?
A. "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."
Q. What is this saying called?
A. The Golden Rule.
Q. What were his teachings called?
A. The Gospel.
Q. What does "gospel" mean?
A. Good news.
Q. What else did Jesus do?
A. He healed the sick, and comforted people who were having trouble.
Q. What became of Jesus?

A. He was killed by his enemies.
Q. Who were his enemies?
A. Many people who did not understand him.
Q. When he was dying, what did he say of his enemies?
A. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do."
Q. What prayer did he teach his disciples?
A. The Lord's Prayer.
Q. What are the words of the Lord's Prayer?

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Wonder of God

BIBLE VERSE: "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within thee, bless his holy name."

Psalms CIII : 1

Q. How do we happen to have this wonderful world?
A. It comes from God.
Q. How do we happen to be alive?
A. Our life is from God.
Q. Can we see God?
A. We cannot see him.
Q. Can we touch him?
A. Not with our hands.
Q. How do we know he is always with us?
A. We can feel his presence.
Q. How does he guide us?
A. By causing us to love what is good, and hate what is bad.
Q. Does he wish us to be happy?
A. He does.
Q. What kind of life would he wish us to live?
A. A sweet and noble life.
Q. Can we trust him at all times?
A. We can.

Q. Does he have many other wonderful worlds?
A. Many, many worlds.
Q. How can we help him?
A. By always doing our best.
Q. What is he going to do with us in time to come?
A. Bring us into his presence by many wonderful and beautiful ways.

THE STILL, SMALL, HOLY VOICE

There is a mother's voice of love to hush her little child;
There is a father's voice of praise, so earnest and so mild.
But there is yet another voice, that speaks in gentlest tone —
I think that we can hear it best when we are quite alone.

It is a still, small, holy voice, the voice of God most high,
That whispers always in our heart, and says that He is by.
The voice will blame us when we're wrong, and praise us when we're right;
We hear it in the light of day, and in the silent night.

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